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DOMINION BOUNTY ON REFINED LEAD

DELEGATES WAIT ON FEDERAL MINISTERS

Want Bounty If Fourteen Thousand Tons Are Produced—The Chinese Question.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, March 21.—A delegation from British Columbia waited on the Premier, Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Senator Templeman in the Premier's office today. The delegates were Mr. Buchanan, representing the associated boards of trade of the province; W. H. Aldrich, representing the smelting interests, and James Cronin, the mining industry.

In the first place the delegation asked that the bounty of \$100,000, which was arranged for last year by the Dominion government, to be paid at \$5 per ton on the production of refined lead, be paid even if the production of last year has not exceeded 14,000 tons. At present there is no prospect of the 20,000 tons production. In other words, they want \$100,000 paid over for the production of 14,000 tons, or about \$7 per ton.

The delegates also asked that the duty on pig lead be increased from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent., and on point from 5 to 8 per cent. The delegates, in addition, asked that the government deal with the 50,000 acres of coal lands they have got and put them in the hands of an independent company, and place a limit on the price of \$3.50 per ton f. o. b. on coke, and \$1.75 for screened coal.

A resolution was also presented by the delegates asking that an additional member for the Dominion parliament be given to the Yale and Cariboo district, west of Columbia river.

The members of the government promised to give the matter their best consideration.

Tobacco Men's Protest.

A big delegation representing tobacco men waited on the government today and protested against the American Tobacco Co. refusing to sell to those in the trade unless they signed a contract to take all their goods from the company.

Chinese Immigration.

Ralph Smith resumed the budget debate in the House today. He noticed what had already been said on the question of protection for mine owners, for lumbermen and manufacturers of every description. As for himself he was a protectionist in so far as he advocated keeping out of Canada that class of servile labor which came into direct competition with the free labor of Canadians and British subjects in Canada. The question of how to give protection to manufacturers and others there was no united opinion, but in regard to protecting the free labor of British Columbia against the importation of servile labor, he had behind him united opinion of his province. It did not always follow that industrial protection meant higher wages to employees. The shutting out of servile labor from coming into direct competition with free labor did mean better wages to the latter.

Taking up the report of the Royal Commission on Chinese, he said it was full of useful information, and was not a report of denunciations of trade unionists as some said. Every member from British Columbia for twenty years was in favor of the exclusion of Chinese. If the legislature of British Columbia had power to do so, Chinese would long ago have been excluded.

The report of the Royal commission, which had now been received, showed that if such action had been taken by the legislature it would be carrying out the views of the people. The report showed the people were almost united in favor of such restriction as amounted to almost exclusion. He said this to dispel the idea that the feeling against the Chinese was confined to trade unionists and labor men. The commission would be made into the whole question. It was not appointed for political purposes. The fullest scope was given to the investigation and all interests had every opportunity of presenting their case.

Mr. Smith wanted to say that there was no interest but was represented. The church, too, was represented. The enquiry was national and international in its scope. It was not confined to Canada, but took evidence in the States.

Mr. Smith turned his attention to the findings of the commission. It might be important to have an active immigration policy, but that was not all. It was more important to see that no class of people was brought in here which would affect the permanent settlers of the country. Chinese did this, and there was another class of immigration which also interfered with permanent residents. It was not everything to have a large number of immigrants. More consideration should be given to the class we got.

Mr. Smith then went on to show how cheap Chinese lived at home, and pointed to the evil effect of immigration of that kind had on the country. In Victoria there were 3,273 Chinese, 90 females. In Vancouver 2,080 Chinese and only 27 females. The report from Dr. Watt, Victoria, stated that Chinese were subject to tuberculosis.

THE ALBERNI RAILWAY.

Government Has Promised to Place Survey Party in the Field.

(Special to the Times.)
 Nanaimo, March 21.—The delegation returned from Victoria today, accompanied by G. A. Huff, ex-M.P.P., Alberni. The government have promised to put a surveying party in the field as soon as the weather permits, to go over the route from here to Alberni. The delegation was highly pleased with the prospects for a railroad from here to Comox, by way of Alberni.

LADY HOPE DIVORCED.

Decree Granted to Lord Hope in Suit Against His Wife, Formerly May Yoke.

(Associated Press.)
 London, March 21.—Lord Francis Hope was granted a divorce this morning on the ground of the misconduct of his wife, May Yoke, with Putnam Bradley Strong, of New York.

Counsel for Lord Hope lengthily detailed the marriage of his client to May Yoke, their visit to the United States in 1900, the meeting with Strong, and the subsequent intimacy of the respondent and the respondent, ending with their departure for Japan under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smith.

Lord Hope, who is still suffering from the amputation of his leg, corroborated the counsel's statements. He said he had no suspicion whatever of his wife when he left her alone in a flat in New York. He first noticed a change in her behavior at the end of March, 1901, and in April his wife insisted on a separation.

Affidavits were read in proof of the misconduct of Lady Hope, and the decree with costs was pronounced.

There are more public holidays in Honolulu than in any other city in the world.

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LACROIX HANGED AT HULL THIS MORNING

MURDERED HIS WIFE AND OLD NEIGHBOR

Toronto Regiment Receives Permission to Enter States Carrying Arms

—Marconi at Sidney.

(Associated Press.)
 Hull, March 21.—Lacroix was hanged this morning. The drop fell at 8.05. The body was cut down at 8.25 and carried into the court house. Lacroix's friends will take the body to Montebello tonight. The crime for which Lacroix, the Montebello murderer, was hanged was the murder of his wife and an old man, a neighbor, on August 24th, 1900, while Lacroix was under the influence of liquor. The murderer and his wife had been separated for a year as a result of a jealous quarrel. Returning to his wife's house bent on killing her, she fled to a neighbor's, and Lacroix followed her and shot her down. Turning to the neighbor, he put a bullet into an old man named Hippolyte Tranchemontagne.

Marconi at Sidney.

Hallifax, March 2.—Marconi, of wireless telegraph fame, reached Sydney last night from Ottawa, and is delighted with his treatment. The work on the station at Cape Breton will be begun immediately, and he is expected to be able to send a message of congratulation to the King on Coronation day.

Going to the States.

Ottawa, March 21.—Permission has been given by the Washington authorities for the 48th Regiment, of Toronto, to enter the United States territory carrying arms. The permission was rendered necessary by the invitation extended for the Highlanders to visit New York and take part in the athletic tournament there, which will last from the 24th to the 26th inst.

Presbyterian Magazine.

Toronto, March 21.—After an existence of eighteen years the Presbyterian Review has been absorbed by the Westminster Company, and it is to be incorporated with the well known religious paper The Westminster, at once. The present subscribers to the Review will, until the end of their subscription year, receive a copy of The Westminster.

Secretary Resigns.

F. C. Campbell, secretary of the Lake Yacht Racing Association, and a member of the sailing committee and general committee of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, has tendered his resignation of these posts owing to his removal to Montreal.

Seeking Horses.

Dealers from the far west have been travelling through Ontario plying up good stallions and brood mares. There is some talk about holding a big fair which would be a rendezvous for these wandering horses. The increase in the number of broodmares and mares coming from the States is regarded as a menace to good horse breeding. The duty into Canada is about \$2, but into the States it is about \$30. This means that once brought into Canada, none of them return.

In Penitentiary.

Cornwall, Ont., March 21.—Molien Hall, the tower of the prison, for the two ten years, will send the next ten years in Kingston penitentiary, where he was placed yesterday by Chief John Murray, of Toronto.

Bears Has about 1,000,000 tilled persons out of a population of 130,000,000.

TO-MORROW'S BOAT RACE.

London, March 21.—Although the betting on the annual Oxford-Cambridge boat race, which takes place to-morrow, is 3 to 1 in favor of the Cambridge crew, the Oxford men are laterly being cheered on by improvement to promise a better struggle than the prophets anticipated. Both crews finished their heavy work this morning.

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HON. W. C. WELLS.
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The Chief Commissioner speaks with a satirical and readiness, and so indignantly that it is very difficult to catch at words even in the press gallery. Immediately above his chair, Mrs. Wells died a year or two since.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

GOOD PROGRESS MADE WITH THE ORDER PAPER

Redistribution Bill Brought Down, Resolutions Considered and Long List of Questions Answered.

Press Gallery, March 20.

The long-expected Redistribution bill was brought down by the Attorney-General promptly on the assembling of the House this afternoon, as soon thereafter at least as was permitted by the adjustment of the questions of privilege. It was undoubtedly the event of the day, and the satisfaction of both sides at having a measure before them at last was manifested by the lively applause which greeted the appearance of the new-comer. The bill was not discussed at all to-day, and the members will have until Monday to codify on its provisions, although both the leader of the opposition and the ex-leader of the opposition expressed the view that its consideration should be proceeded with to-morrow. A reasonable explanation was given a short time afterwards by the Attorney-General, when in reply to a question of Mr. McBride as to whether or not the department intended to have a map prepared showing the divisions of the constituencies, he stated that that was the reason why he had moved for the second reading on Monday.

That that map is shown, it will be a rather difficult task to actually determine how far the new arrangement conforms to the natural configuration of the country, and what relation the representation of 42 seats to the population. About the House, however, members on both sides seem to regard the measure as sufficiently fair to be regarded as one of redistribution, and not a perjury. The opposition, in committee, will likely urge that an attempt be made to at least limit the representation of the province to the present number, even if it cannot be reduced.

Capt. Tatlow is under the impression that a fair measure, and one which would give satisfaction to all parts of the country, could be arranged on a basis of thirty-six members, and doubtless he will lay his proposition before the government in committee.

The King's printer, Col. Wolfenden, was busy acknowledging congratulations to-day, this being his 60th birthday. He has served through forty-one sessions and is still hale and hearty, and recognized as one of the bulwarks of the House and government.

On the Redistribution bill being submitted, the leader of the opposition protested against its consideration being deferred till Monday. He wanted it considered to-morrow.

Mr. McBride entered an objection to the bill, and the House adjourned.

The hardest worked Minister in the government is the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—a department which is most exacting in its demands on the patience and strength of the incumbent of that office. Here it is that the estimates are struck to a great extent, and the work of recording the large claims of each member for his district with the amount at the disposal of the government is itself an extremely delicate and laborious task. But Mr. Wells is the last man to shrink from his task, and he is regarded among the members as a slave to his office.

The Chief Commissioner is a son of the late Sheriff Wells of Prescott, Ontario, and a brother of Hon. R. M. Wells, at one time Speaker of the Ontario legislature. A lumberman by avocation, he engaged in business for some time in Montreal, coming to British Columbia in 1880. He has large mills and lumbering interests in Pailleur, in N. E. Kootenay, the riding which he represents in the House. He was defeated for that riding at the general election of 1898, but on the death of the sitting member he was returned by re-election in February, 1900. The following year he was appointed Chief Commissioner, on the organization of the Dunsmuir administration, and was re-elected on appealing to his constituency. He is a Liberal.

An act to amend the School Board Inspection Act was introduced by the Chief Commissioner, and read a first time.

Mr. McBride asked if the government would have a map prepared showing the electoral districts.

The Attorney-General replied in the affirmative and said that was the reason why he was deferring the second reading until Monday.

Mr. Greenfield's Instructions. Mr. Helmecken moved the following resolution: That a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of the instructions given to Mr. Greenfield, K.C., the accredited agent of the provincial government, in connection with (a) the contract for the construction in British Columbia of the Canada Northern, (b) in connection with obtaining the signature of the responsible parties to the contract for its construction.

Hon. Mr. Wells said that the government had a very decided objection to bringing down these papers. There was a principle at stake which the government would not concede, as negotiations were being conducted.

Mr. Helmecken asked if the Chief Commissioner would tell the House just how the matter stood.

The Chief Commissioner said there were some alterations to make in the contract and the executive would meet with Messrs. Greenfield and Holt, and he expected that everything would be completed and ready for presentation in a day or two.

Mr. McBride drew attention again to the anomaly of the government showing Messrs. Maclean and Macdonald papers while it was denied to the House.

The Chief Commissioner—How could the government give those people access to this contract? If they had access to other documents, how could we help it?

Mr. McBride said that these gentlemen had access to all the papers.

The Minister of Mines—They did not. The Chief Commissioner—It was quite impossible for the government to let these gentlemen see the documents.

Mr. McBride—Well, let us see the documents you showed these gentlemen. The Minister of Mines—That is a worry to you.

duty on the part of the government, and the House should be a unit in insisting that the papers be brought down. The Chief Commissioner could not give a reason for withholding the papers.

He asked the Minister to co-operate with the opposition in demanding these papers, as they did yesterday when the government had cried "Don't shoot, and I'll come down." The Attorney-General had refused the papers in the Rossland matter, and on the Marquette going and demanding the papers the Finance Minister had virtually taken the position of the Attorney-General, and handed them to the House. He asked them now to insist on these papers.

The Premier—Well, you'll not get those papers.

Mr. McBride asked the government to look at the matter in a rational way. Was there or was there not a contract? Premier Dunsmuir—There is a contract.

Mr. Eberts—The First Minister misunderstood; there has never been a contract.

Mr. McBride—Well, we are glad that we have something definite. We are entitled to know what the instructions to Mr. Greenfield were, whether there is a contract or no contract. If the "contract" is in Mr. Greenfield's pocket there is no contract.

Mr. Dunsmuir at this juncture spoke against the Attorney-General and quit the chamber.

Mr. Helmecken then rose to a point of order. That man, he said (indicating Mr. McBride), spoke more than any other man in the House. The Canada Northern contract had not been brought down to the House, therefore he was not going to discuss it. I have been in the House for three sessions and what we want more than anything else is a speaker.

Mr. McBride—The honorable gentleman should keep in order himself. He made a sufficient breach of the rules of the House yesterday.

Mr. Helmecken—If I was out of order yesterday you have been out of order for 48 days, since the House met.

The Speaker—Mr. McBride is in order. He is discussing the motion before the House.

Mr. Helmecken—He has no right to discuss the matter. The sooner he is ruled out of order the better. (Laughter.)

Mr. McBride was about to proceed when Mr. Helmecken again interrupted with another point of order. Mr. McBride, he said, was talking to the gallery, but he would find when the Redistribution bill was passed that Victoria was not the whole province.

The Speaker again ruled Mr. McBride in order and Mr. Helmecken quit in disgust.

Mr. McBride then proceeded to discuss the motion. He saw no good reason why any information regarding Mr. Greenfield's connection with the contract should be refused. They were not asking for the contract itself, but they were asking for the instructions given to Mr. Greenfield. The House was entitled to know all the facts. They ought to know what the contract was, and the government were ready to enter into it. They sent the Minister of Mines to the Victoria electorate on that contract.

The Speaker and Mr. Helmecken again called Mr. McBride to order. Mr. McBride said that he did not discuss the Victoria election.

Mr. McBride said that as the public interests were at stake, the only course the government could have was that on grounds of public policy the documents could not be brought down.

Capt. Tatlow said he was glad to see the Attorney-General had sufficient appreciation of the responsibility attaching to his position, that he would not allow an incorrect statement from the Premier to the effect that the contract was signed to pass without contradiction. Mr. Greenfield was a political Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. No man can serve two masters.

Mr. Helmecken had no right to endeavor to make political capital while he was speaking.

Mr. Eberts replied that the papers connected with the thirty miles were brought down last year, but they could have them again if they wanted them.

Mr. Helmecken accepted Mr. Eberts's offer and the resolution amended to not include any pending negotiations, was carried.

Government—Smelter. Mr. Green moved the following resolution: That in view of the present depressed condition of the lead market, and the disability under which the producers of lead and silver within the province labor in not being able to have the product of their mines economically smelted and refined. Therefore, in the opinion of this House, the public interest requires on the part of the government the establishment of a smelter, the establishment and operation by them of lead smelting and refining works within the province.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

The point of order was discussed at length by Messrs. McBride and Helmecken, holding that the resolution did not commit the government to the expenditure of public money.

Hon. Col. Prior said the government were anxious to hear the discussion and the government had no objection to going on with the resolution.

The Speaker then ruled that as the government had given its consent the matter could be discussed.

Mr. Green then moved the adjournment of the debate until Monday next. This was agreed to.

Mr. Oliver dropped his resolution in reference to the construction of reclamation works in the Maple Ridge district.

Atlin Water Rights. Mr. McBride moved and Mr. Murphy seconded: That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence during 1901 between any member of the government and the Gold Commissioner at Atlin, with reference to the operations of the Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., together with copies of all orders in council passed during the same period and relating to said company.

Mr. McBride said that considerable discussion took place on the streets and in the papers regarding this matter. Without giving the Pine Creek Company a chance to be heard, the government had acted in such a way that the company had to have their property sold, and many men were thrown out of employment. If the reports were well founded, the government had acted in a most questionable manner in this matter.

Mr. Stables referred to the telegram sent to the Gold Commissioner in reference to water rights on Pine creek. Men had worked hard during the summer, and when they were in a position to clean up the water was closed down. He at once wired the department that the order was rescinded. Before the order came to have the water turned on, many miners became so discouraged that they quit the district in disgust. He was sorry indeed that this government had taken any action without investigating the matter. Up to date nothing has been done to have the water right straightened out. He had been trying, day after day, to have the matter settled, but nothing had been done yet. Unless the matter was settled soon, the Sunrise company would not operate this season, and individual miners would be prevented from working their properties. It was absolutely unfair and unwise for the government to continue in its present course.

Mr. Curtis said this was a glaring instance of the disabilities under which miners labored. He had no objection to Mr. Stables' statement that he had carried on his negotiations with the acting minister of mines, Mr. Eberts.

Mr. Curtis—There has been no acting minister of mines since September last. Mr. Eberts explained that the Sunrise company had recorded 3,000 inches of water on Sunrise lake for two hydraulic claims. They never used the water for these claims. They used the water not only for hydraulic claims, but they had formed themselves into a regular power company. They did so, and then had to get their water records as a company selling water. Under the law the company using water for hydraulic purposes cannot sell it. There was no power under the Water Clause Act to use the water as they wanted to use it. He advised them to get legal records so that they could carry on in the way they so desired. He would have been glad if his law was wrong in the matter, and his advice a company, Mr. Eberts, Mr. Helmecken, the company objected to, and under the Water Clause Act because that would cost money in fees to the government. The company had spent a lot of money and no person would be quicker than he to help them out in a legal matter.

Mr. Curtis wanted to know why the government had prevented the company from using the water and sent a telegram to that effect.

Mr. Eberts declined to reply.

Mr. McBride said the Attorney-General absolutely refused to give a satisfactory explanation. They had sent a telegram and two weeks afterwards, after all possible damage was done, revoked the telegram. The government was guilty of gross negligence. Their conduct had seriously retarded the development of that camp. By reason of a legal technicality the government closed down the most important work in Cassiar. He was surprised that Mr. Clifford had nothing to say on this question.

to the recommendation of the Chinese commission that no legislation affecting Japanese immigration should be introduced. The edict of the Mikado prohibiting emigration might be abrogated at any time. He moved an amendment to the resolution as follows:

"That all the works after the word 'Whereas,' in the first line, be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: 'The presence of large numbers of Chinese and Japanese in this province creates conditions of economic slavery against which it is impossible for the European race to compete, and degrades the standard of British citizenship by odious methods of living.'

"And whereas it is the settled conviction of this House that unless the immigration and employment of Chinese and Japanese be greatly and effectively checked, not only will laborers and artisans of the European race be driven from the province, but all trades and industries will practically fall into the hands of Chinese and Japanese, and this important portion of the empire will thereby be filled with an inferior and un-British people."

"And whereas this House, prior to 1900, passed various acts for the purpose of mitigating the evil consequences of the presence of Chinese and Japanese in this province, and has repeatedly urged the Dominion government to legislate on the subject according to its prerogatives."

"And whereas the Dominion government, upon representations from the Imperial authorities, disallowed the said acts."

"And whereas in said representations by the Imperial government, the Imperial secretary declared on July 29th, 1898, 'You should not fail to impress upon them the importance, if there is any real prospect of a large influx of Japanese laborers into Canada, of dealing with it by legislation of the Dominion parliament, on the lines of the accompanying Natal Act, which is likely to be generally adopted by Australia, and on March 22nd, 1899, after Mr. Mackenzie's government had taken office, His Majesty's government hope that your ministers will be able to arrange for the enactment of the objectionable provisions, and the substitution of a measure which, while it will secure the desired exclusion of undesirable immigrants, will obtain that result by means of some such general test as that already suggested in my dispatch, No. 24, of the 20th July, 1898, and on April 10th, 1899, there is no difference between Her Majesty's government and the government of British Columbia as regards the object aimed at by these laws, namely, to ensure that the Pacific provinces of the Dominion shall be occupied by a large and thoroughly British population, rather than by one in which the number of aliens largely predominates, and many of the distinctive features of a settled British community are lost.'"

"And whereas, in compliance with these suggestions and sentiments of the Imperial government, this House passed the British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900, and the Labor Regulation Act, 1900."

"And whereas the said acts have, nevertheless, been disallowed by the Dominion government, for 'Imperial reasons'."

"And whereas similar and even more drastic legislation has been allowed to go into operation, and is to-day being enforced, for the protection of British subjects in other parts of the Empire."

"And whereas the people of British Columbia have been discriminated against in this matter, and are unable, under the circumstances, to understand what legislation, while effective, would be acceptable to the Imperial authorities."

"And whereas legislation as aforesaid is absolutely necessary, and must be enacted and enforced, if British Columbia is to be developed and occupied by a large British population."

"And whereas the Rt. Hon. the Premier of the Dominion of Canada has accepted an invitation to be present at the coronation of our most Gracious Sovereign, King Edward VII, and it is proposed by the Colonial Premiers to hold a conference in the city of London, England, after the coronation."

"Be it therefore resolved, That His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Rt. Hon. the Premier of Canada, asking him at such conference to bring to the attention of the Colonial Premiers the necessity, from an Imperial as well as provincial standpoint, of steps being taken at once to check the employment and immigration of Chinese and Japanese, the circumstances attending the passing and disallowing of the legislation of this House upon the subject, and to urge accordingly that means be adopted whereby suitable legislation by the Dominion government and this House may be allowed to go into effect without Imperial interference."

Mr. McBride said the resolution was a lengthy one and should be carried by a majority of the members. He therefore moved the adjournment of the debate which was agreed to.

Labor Data. Mr. Melnes moved and Mr. Gilmour seconded the following: That the government take immediate steps to gather all available data relating to the legislation of other countries passed for the purpose of: (a) Fixing the minimum

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wages to be paid wage earners; (b) settling labor disputes by arbitration; and the operation of such legislation; and that such information be compiled and issued to the members of this House before next session.

Mr. McBride said all members in the House would have like treatment, and if the Speaker ruled that Mr. Green required the assent of the government in connection with his resolution, that consent should be obtained in connection with Mr. Melnes's resolution.

The government gave its consent and before the legislation suggested was introduced all possible data should be collected.

Mr. Curtis was in favor of the resolution, but did not believe it unnecessarily delaying important labor legislation. He would be glad if the government would publish a reprint of the report of the labor commissioner in New South Wales.

Mr. Helmecken said he would begin the good work of collecting data by presenting to the government a copy of a labor bill passed in one of the Australian colonies.

Mr. Eberts read an offer from the provincial librarian to assist in every way in collecting the information required. He was glad to say the legislature library was now well supplied with literature of this description.

The resolution then carried. After the Chief Commissioner presented the annual report of his department and several questions on the order paper were answered, the House rose at 5:30, until 2 o'clock to-day.

Questions and Answers. Previous to the adjournment a long list of questions were answered by the government, those given below being among the most important:

1. What was the overdraft at bank on December 31st, 1901, and on January 31st, 1902, respectively?
2. What amount of cash was on hand at treasury, or with agents, at those dates?

3. What ratio of interest is being paid on bank on said overdraft?
Hon. Mr. Prentice replied as follows:
1. On account current, 31st December, 1901, \$1,717,962.62; on 31st January, 1902, \$1,015,578.78; total, \$2,733,541.40.
2. On hand with agents, 31st December, 1901, \$25,081.98; on hand at treasury, 31st December, 1901, \$8,535.46; 1902, \$57,963.46; on hand at treasury, 31st January, 1902, \$12,841.52.
3. From (a) per cent. per annum.

Mr. Tatlow asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:
Has any been assigned on the Heceta building at Vancouver? And if so, is it the intention of the government to recommence same in the near future?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows:
"Yes, temporarily. Yes."
In answer to Mr. Helmecken's question: What is the present condition of the negotiations between the provincial and federal governments touching the settlement of the Songhees Indian reserve? The Attorney-General replied:
"The matter is still under negotiation, with every prospect of an early final satisfactory settlement."

In answer to Mr. Gilmour, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works said the companies that have availed themselves of the conditions of the Wood sawmill sales since Industrial Power Company of British Columbia, whose limits cover 125 square miles, situated in range one, second district, more particularly described in the Gazette notice of 6th June, 1901. The Pacific Coast Power Company, whose limits cover 120 square miles, situated in range one, second district, and described in the Gazette notice of 22nd June, 1901. The Canadian Power Company, whose limits cover 125 square miles, situated at Okanagan Falls, and more particularly described in the Gazette of 20th July, 1901. The Oriental Power Company, whose limits cover 120 square miles,

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stated in the vicinity of Princess Royal Island, and more particularly described in the Gazette notice of 13th January, 1902. In each case the works are to be erected on some suitable site in this province."

Mr. Gilmour asked: Will the government introduce a bill to convey to the city of Vancouver their rights to such portion of the False creek flats which at the present time have not been granted to the Canadian Pacific railway?

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir replied: "No such decision has been reached. The subject matter is being considered by the government."

In answer to Mr. Gilmour, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works said \$5,882.47 has been expended to date on the provincial reformatory—road and clearing of site; \$5,499.80, on the foundation of building; and it is the intention of the government to push to completion as an early date.

In answer to Mr. Curtis, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works said: The Mr. S. A. Rogers, stated by him, the Honorable Chief Commissioner, on the 23rd April, 1901, in answer to a question of Mr. Martin, to be the names of certain government lands, in the Mr. S. A. Rogers who sits in this House as one of the members for the electoral district of Carleton.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Wells, replying to Mr. Helmecken, said the cost of the Hope Mainway was \$14,071.

Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:
What is the number of Chinese and Japanese (1) working underground, (2) above ground, in each of the coal mines (naming them) of the province during the year 1901?

The following were employed on the 31st December, 1901, the latest date upon which statistics are available:
Nanaimo colliery, 148 Chinese over ground.
Alexandria colliery, 28 Chinese over ground.

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THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

The much-talked-of and long-expected redistribution bill has been placed before the House and the country. It is just what might have been expected under the circumstances and what we predicted it would be—a compromise. It does not pretend to embody any right principle of representation. The government proceeded along the line of least resistance in framing its measure. The result is an increase of four members to the 38 who formerly legislated for the 120,000 white residents of this province. We shall hereafter be blessed with one legislator to guard the interests of each of the 42 divisions of 3,000 and odd white men, women and children in the province. If there are any virtue in numbers we should henceforth be happy in the laws under which we British Columbians are governed. We shall, when the present bill develops into an act—as it will become without doubt in short order, seeing that it is supported by and was introduced under the approval of the leader of the Martin party—have a representation sufficient for half a million of people at least. But we suppose it would be foolish to expect, unless we introduce some common sense into our councils, that the hand of the multiplier will be stayed until the population catches up with its representatives. Ontario, with more than two millions of a population, has only about double the representatives we shall be blessed with in our new condition. It is obvious, therefore, that this tendency to multiply must be checked some time. A beginning should have been made at once. With such an immense overdraft at the bank drawing a very high rate of interest, with the credit of the province so impaired that to lend a loan on anything like favorable terms is impossible, with demands for works of development in many parts of the province that are imperative and cannot be met for want of funds, one would have thought the necessity for retrenchment would have been so apparent that the government would have selected the first opportunity that presented itself and have given substantial evidence of its desire to restore credit and regain the confidence of the financial world by curtailing the expenditure to the utmost. Instead we are to go steadily forward in the old headless way, notwithstanding that we have reached the barrier far-seeing men in the past predicted would sooner or later arise in our path. A strong case the Ministers will have when they go before the Dominion government, show the straits to which we have been reduced by extravagance and mismanagement and plead for assistance to restore credit and start us out, probably, upon a new era of stupid wastefulness.

We are pleased to be able to state, however, that upon the whole this redistribution bill is an improvement upon its predecessors. It aims at removing an injustice which has done a vast deal of harm to the province as a whole. Under it an effort has been made to give the various sections and interests in British Columbia equitable representation

in the assembly. The pocket boroughs which played so large a part in keeping governments in power to which the majority of the electorate were antagonistic are gradually being wiped out. Their existence was responsible for much of the ill-feeling that at one time existed between the Island and the Mainland. It was wrongly supposed that the people of the Island were responsible in some measure for these abuses. That was a mistake. The majority of the electors on this side of the Straits are just as anxious to see justice done between man and man as the majority on the other. They desire no advantage over their neighbors. The inequalities of representation in the past were the result of a selfish desire to retain power by governments which could not stand on their merits. Some of our Mainland contemporaries assume that the relations between the Island and the Mainland are strained, and that in framing measures governments cannot afford to ignore the existence of such conditions. As far as the Island is concerned, we know they are entirely mistaken. There is no ill-feeling here against the Mainland as a whole, or any section of it. There is no desire for advantages of any kind. We shall be perfectly content if we receive the representation to which our population entitles us compared with the larger area which must ultimately be the home of millions of people on the other side. We therefore believe no statesman whose sole desire is to secure the passage of a fair measure of redistribution need fear the antagonism of the Island. We have heard statements made in the House which were calculated to arouse sectionalism, but they were never made by representatives of Island constituencies. As a general thing they have proceeded from men whose one claim upon their constituents appeared to be capacity to rise to a certain point and then sink out of sight again until another opening occurred for an expression of opinion about Victoria and the Island generally. But our people have always correctly estimated the depth of these men, and have invariably received their remarks in the manner in which they ought to be received. So we claim that the inequalities in the present redistribution measure and the increased cost it will impose on the country should not be credited to the desire of the Island to grab something to which it has no legitimate claim, but to the weakness and incapacity of the government. This province might be fairly and equitably represented in the Legislature, extensive though it be in area and sparse though it be in its population, by 20 or 32 members. The larger cities are over-represented compared with the cities which are accorded just one representative. The blanket constituency should be abolished and the whole province divided into ridings.

Speaking of sectionalism, we are not sure that this latest measure may not cause an outbreak of this undesirable feeling in a new direction. If one portion of the province was formerly over-represented as compared with other portions, the proposed measure will not be free from criticism in that same respect. The Island, in which is included the Dominion constituencies of Victoria and Nanaimo, with a population approximating 50,000, is to have twelve members. The Lower Mainland (Burton) and New Westminister for Dominion purposes) with 65,000, will also have twelve members. The Upper Mainland (the Dominion constituency of Yale-Cariboo) with a population of 61,000, will have eighteen representatives. The inference from this division would seem to be that some politician considers himself strong in the up-country districts, because there can be no satisfactory explanation of such a discrepancy on the ground of difficulty of grouping the voters. There seems to be evidence of the hand of master here. Nor is that all. No doubt a still closer examination will disclose further evidence of a most artistic perrymaning. All the divisions which gave a majority against the Premier in his constituency of South Nanaimo have been kindly removed to a place where they are likely to do less harm. Newcastle is not inappropriately named, much more appropriately than even if the original intention of calling it Dunsinuir had been adhered to. It is now a stronghold indeed and it will take a strong opposition candidate to capture it. Texada Island was an abomination politically, and although it is a far cry from there to Alberni, the Island has been picked up and bodily transferred into the constituency of Mr. Nairn. So we see that wealth and position are not to be despised in politics. It is a pleasant thing to have friends who are willing to incur any amount of obloquy and ridicule in order to make rough places smooth. Away with the irreverent creature who would dare to say that a millionaire should be compelled to fight his political battles like a mere common man!

When an opportunity has been given to compare the voting strength of the various districts no doubt many other discrepancies will be disclosed. In the meantime we are pleased to note that the confusing divisional nomenclature of the present act is to be superseded by names much more appropriate and conveying a better general idea of locality, than most of the constituencies have been divided into ridings, and that when the proposed measure comes into force the House, too large though it will be, doubtless, should represent the political sentiments of the province far more accurately than any of its predecessors of the last fifteen years.

EFFECTS OF POLICIES.

We are sorry to observe a tendency to despondency on the part of the Colonist. The picture it painted this morning of the results that would surely follow the inauguration of a policy said to be contemplated by the Dominion government was very depressing indeed. But there is no indication that Sir Wilfrid Laurier intends to depart very widely from a programme which has had the effect of increasing the trade of the Dominion nearly in four years than the National Policy did in eighteen. There is no country in the world to-day that equals Canada in prosperity. British papers are loud and hearty in their congratulations upon the results which have been attained. It would be the height of folly, under the circumstances, to arbitrarily change the tariff without the fullest consideration being given as to the probable effects of such alterations. We hope our contemporary will not worry itself unnecessarily as to the outcome of something that is not even contemplated. The Americans are not swarming in and carrying off our raw materials. They are swarming in and erecting factories from one end of the Dominion to the other. There are thousands of them at Sydney, which was scarcely heard of until the Liberals came into power. There are thousands more at Collingwood, Ontario, following upon the operations of the Cramps, the celebrated American shipbuilders. At Saint Ste. Marie there are workshops which have been erected by Clergue within the last three or four years, filled with upwards of ten thousand workmen. All these are working upon Canadian raw material, and the constant increase in the value of our exports shows that they are working to some purpose. Agriculturists are flocking into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in thousands from the United States. They are just the settlers that are necessary to develop that country. They are familiar with the agricultural methods of the west, and if the year be a good one—and the probability is that it will, for experience has taught the farmers how to take advantage of climatic peculiarities—there will be such a grain blockade as will make the one of the present year appear insignificant. In the midst of all this prosperity and activity British Columbia, the wealthiest portion of the whole Dominion, stands solitary in her stagnation and depression. She is denied avenues of development by a government which represents not the people but monopoly. The Dunsinuir administration, as it is called, is developing its railway policy. We have lately had one sample of this development. We shall hear no more of it until another election is due. Then it will be brought forth for a few weeks along with other schemes intended to cover the whole province with railways. The government will go to the country on its railway policy. If it be sustained it will lock its policy away for another four years and the old preserves of the Premier and the C. P. R. will remain intact. The province will suffer, of course, but what does that matter so long as the monopolies and their servants thrive and wax fat?

According to the report of the timber inspector 202,333,545 feet of timber was cut last year in British Columbia. The royalty upon which was \$101,196.77. The official did not consider it worth his while to ascertain exactly how much was cut upon the E. & N. lands, as it pays no royalty. He simply says: "E. & N. lands (as far as reported) 28,476,929 feet." There is said to be some doubt as to whether this timber is taxable or not, but there are two gentlemen in the House who were at one time very determined that it should be ascertained how far the privileges of the coal baron extended, and who are dumb dogs now.

The American millionaires are springing out the land in Great Britain in ever increasing numbers. There will be a king upon the throne with "American" blood in his veins yet.

We have had a very lively session of the Legislature so far. Some members say the fun is only about to commence.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

To the Editor:—Just a word as to Mr. Curtis's unpleasant resolution, the action of the House thereon, and the scope of the inquiry of the royal commission.

Mr. Curtis's resolution, as originally introduced, asked that a committee of the House should be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and examine witnesses under oath, and report the result of such investigation to the House. The resolution was amended, on motion of the government side, to give for the appointment of the royal commission to inquire into the truth or falsity of the accusation and report. Now, of the two modes, I prefer a royal commission to a committee of the House. If the royal commissioner by a judge he will be strictly non-partisan, but a committee of the House can hardly be expected to direct their minds of partisan feeling, especially in a period such as this, when public thought is excited and startling events are likely to come at any moment. What I object to, and what every right-thinking man ought to object to, is the limited power this amended resolution gives to the commission. Mr. Curtis's resolution, as I have shown, would have given large and sufficient powers to a committee, but the resolution as passed, studied and absolutely without power from the commission the very powers it should have, viz., to examine witnesses under oath and send for persons and papers. The power of the commission must be bounded on its four sides by the decision of the House, and although the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council may undertake to enlarge the scope of

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the commission and include those powers which were purposely struck out by the House, the precedent will be a dangerous one and will scarcely meet with approval. The resolution as passed would seem to be defective in another direction. The commission is to report as to the truth or falsity of the accusations. Every Canadian precedent shows that the powers of a royal commission which is to take the evidence and examine documents, leaving the House to decide in their judgment, whether the officers have been guilty as charged or otherwise (see Bournett, in the Pacific scandal inquiry (see Hansard, 1878), the commissioners were instructed to report the evidence and leave it to the judgment of the House to determine the truth or falsity of the charges. The same course was followed with regard to the charges against Carson and Rykert—the commission had no power given it to report a finding.

I should like to see the resolution amended so as to confer the necessary powers on the commission and confine it to extracting and reporting the evidence, otherwise it is to be feared that the inquiry will prove unsatisfactory and unfruitful, while the House will have assigned to the commission a power which by precedent and practice belongs exclusively to the legislature. LEX.

WHITE AND CHINESE TAILORS.

To the Editor:—It has and is being rumored that the white tailors of this city employ and send work to the Chinese to be made up. Now, as a journeyman tailor in this city for the past four years, I feel it my duty to say something regarding this matter. I can honestly say that no white merchant tailor in Victoria employs Chinamen to make up work, and the above report is without any foundation whatever, as all the merchant tailors are members of the Tailors' Union, and employ none but white union labor, and the union label of the Custom Tailors' Union of America can always be found on every garment turned out by them. I want to say to those who persist in circulating these false reports, they are not only trying to injure the merchants but the workmen also by such mean talk. I consider it concerns our welfare a great deal more than theirs.

Does anyone think for a moment that the journeyman tailors of this city would see themselves deprived and allow work to go to Chinamen to make without having something to say about it? Why such a thing would not be tolerated having something to say about it? Then how absurd it is for anyone to make such a report as the above. Let them wait until some white journeyman tailors say they are giving out work to the Chinamen, then, and not until then, will it be time to talk about it.

F. J. KNIGHT.

CHAMPERTY.

To the Editor:—I see Mr. J. Martin is again trying to induce the legislative assembly to pass his champerty bill. How can any act of the legislature relieve those in the legal profession who have sworn to uphold the law, and who are bound to stand how the oath may be omitted to persons entering the profession, but to anyone who has taken the oath I fail to see how any act can affect them. They have solemnly sworn not to do a certain thing. If they do that certain thing in defiance of that oath, they are guilty of perjury, and they commit those acts for gain. What confidence can the public have in anyone who, for money, will break an oath? The term slyster is the lightest that can be considered applicable.

LAYMAN.

IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

To the Editor:—If some method could be devised by which the Hon. Mr. Turner, agent for British Columbia in London, could be induced to explain to British capitalists the advantages of the Mainland coast and Vancouver Island as a centre for iron manufacture, the whole province would profit greatly thereby. The people would like to see some return for the expenditure in maintaining an office in London, and nothing would bring more important results than the foundation of iron and steel works in the vicinity of the deposits of ore, fuel and fluxes that exist here.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 21—5 a. m.—The barometer remains low over northern British Columbia and high off the California coast, and the winds are light to moderate from Vancouver Island to San Francisco. Showers have again been general from the Sacramento valley. The weather is comparatively mild between the ranges, and about the freezing point throughout the Territories and Manitoba. Prince Albert reports 2 inches of snow, and Minnedosa one and a half inches.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional showers.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with occasional rains.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 20; minimum, 28; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, rain.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 20; minimum, 25; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 44; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 24; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear, fog.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

A company of artillery men from the barracks held a target practice at Esquimalt today. Two boys attached to a moving tug formed the targets, and considerable accuracy was shown by the marksmen.

All aboard for Crofton, the new smelting centre. On and after February 1st a daily passenger and freight service will be inaugurated between Victoria and Crofton and way ports, by first-class steamer, connecting with V. & S. railway. Trains will leave the V. & S. station at 7:45 a. m.

Chapman rates from all points East via Northern Pacific Railway Company, effective "at once." The Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell tickets from all Eastern points at reduced rates on account of "The Home-seekers' Excursions." If you intend sending for anyone to come to Victoria, B. C., call on C. E. Lang, general agent, corner Yates and Government streets.

"Standing room only" is the pleasing sign which has been displayed nearly every night of Rose Coghlan's tour in "Forget-Me-Not," which will be seen at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening for the first time in this city. The play is an intensely interesting society drama, dealing with the intrigues and instructions of social obligations of, and by, Stephanie De Mohrivar, an adventuresome of the most daring type, impersonated by Miss Coghlan. The most powerful scene of the play occurs in the last act, when Miss Coghlan displays the marked emotional dramatic power which has made her famous on both sides of the Atlantic.

The case of Ah Kim, the Chinese boy who stole \$310 from Messrs. Bishop & Clark, of Cadboro Bay, and who was subsequently caught, will be heard in the provincial police next Thursday. The light-fingered Celestial was caught in the cabin of some of his countrymen, who conduct a vegetable ranch on Cedar Hill road, this side of the Jewish cemetery. Mr. Bishop suspected that the boy would take refuge with his friends there, and proceeding to the place, picked up the thief and entered. The fugitive turned several shades when he saw the wrathful countenance of his employer, but the latter grabbed him before he could move, and dragged him out of the house. It is understood all the money has since been recovered.

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CHEMISTS,
Successors to F. W. Farewell & Co.

There is no scarcity of domestic plays, not a few of which teach lessons that husbands and wives can well profit by. It is a question whether this is true of Shakespeare's great matrimonial comedy "The Taming of the Shrew." Husbands will do well to apply the methods of Petruchio in transforming his spouse Katherine from a scolding termagant to a winged angel. Wives, on the other hand, may argue that the course of treatment prescribed by Petruchio was altogether too rigorous. In spite of this difference of opinion "The Taming of the Shrew" has always been a prime favorite with married people, who invariably find great enjoyment in the unending fun and ludicrous situations in which this comedy abounds. The play will be seen in this city at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, March 19th, when the eminent Shakespearean English actress, Helen Grantly, will be seen as Katherine.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The North Victoria Vacancy—Minerals Under Indian Reserves.

The House met at 2:15, prayers being read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. The leader of the opposition again inquired for the North Victoria writ, but the Premier had none to vouchsafe. Mr. A. W. Smith introduced an act to provide for the appointment of a water commissioner for the town of Lillooet. It was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced an act to amalgamate the cities of Grand Forks and Columbia. This was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Prentice introduced an act to incorporate the Vancouver General Hospital. It received its first reading. Mr. Stables presented a bill to amend the Medical Act, 1898. Read a first time.

Mr. Neil moved that an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the provincial and Dominion governments, or any other thereof, since 1st March, 1901, on the subjects of:

1. The administration of minerals under Indian reserves;
2. The adjustment and reduction in size of Indian reserves.

Mr. Neil said this was to bring the matter before the House. There had been a deadlock for years as to what had the right to own and administer these numerous reserves of which there were 300 or more on the island. In many instances no Indians lived on these reserves, and it was impossible for a miner to know when he staked a claim whether he was on a reserve or not. It was a matter of the development of the country. It was an advantage to no one to have these lands locked up, and no injustice would be done the Indians by allowing miners to prospect.

These reserves often lay between the mining claims and the deep waterways which indent the West Coast. Therefore, too, had to be adjusted. According to present laws the consent of all the Indians to whom the reserve belonged had to be gained, and large sums were often exacted from miners for the privilege.

There were about 50,000 acres of these reserves, vastly in excess of the requirements of the Indians who claimed them. It was invariably the best land which was reserved, and thus the best lands were locked up. He read a letter from Bella Coola where a resident pointed out that 2,800 acres of the best agricultural land was reserved for the Indians, only 20 of which was being cultivated by the Indians.

He referred to the bringing of this matter before the Ottawa government by the local government, the terms suggested being fair and reasonable. The correspondence, he asked, would indicate if the government had since made a bona fide attempt to settle the matter. The matter was of no importance to the Dominion government, who were apathetic in regard to the matter. A little business on the part of both governments would solve the matter.

Mr. Clifford expressed his thorough sympathy with the resolution and congratulated Mr. Neil on the able manner in which he had presented the matter. The abuse complained of, obtained in his own district. One section of land two miles square of good agricultural soil at Kilsyth, on which two Indians lived, and levied toll on passengers and supplies landed there. The best land along the Skeena belonged to Indians.

The Marquis of Londonderry has the smallest pony in the world. It weighs only 16 pounds, and at its birth it was but 19½ inches high.

Money Talks! \$100 Reward

As some unscrupulous, designing person has been endeavoring to set a rumor about to the effect that my work is the product of Chinese labor, no doubt with a view to injure my business, I take the earliest opportunity to resent the malicious attempt, and offer the above reward to any person, or persons, who can prove, show or find even the faintest shadow of a semblance of Chinese labor upon any work done by me. My shop has always been, and will always be, open to inspection in this connection. I have suffered, like other white tailors, too much through Chinese cheap workless tailoring to have anything whatever to do with them. I employ nothing but the best of white Union labor, and the Union label will be always found to appear upon every garment turned out by me. By my own work and honest dealing alone do we expect to merit the confidence of our patrons.
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MORE COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

This Week's Official Announcements—Large Batch of Appointments and Companies Incorporated.

The Official Gazette published last evening contains the following appointments:

Hon. Clarkson Major, of the city of New Westminster, to be a collector of revenue tax in and for the city of New Westminster, in the New Westminster assessment district.
Fred A. Starkey, F. W. Swannell and Jacob Dover, of the city of Nelson, to be members of the board of directors of the Kootenay Lake-Gowen Hospital Society, for the year 1902.
To be license commissioners for the Atlin license district, Almon S. Cross, of Atlin, J. P.; Joseph Dee Graham, of Atlin, S. M., and J. St. Clair Blackett, of Atlin.
To be chief license inspector for the Atlin license district, Constable Walter Owens, of Atlin.

John Cochrane, of the city of Victoria; Henry Holgate Watson, of the city of Vancouver; and F. C. Stearnman, of the city of Nanaimo, to be members of the board of examiners under the Pharmacy Act, for the year 1902.

William J. Kirkwood, of the city of Greenwood, alderman, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners for the said city, vice Alderman J. J. Canfield.
J. H. A. Schofield, of the city of Trail, alderman, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners for the said city, vice Alderman J. P. Myers.

The following have been appointed police commissioners for the city opposite their names:
City of Columbia—Edmund Disney, alderman, and Ernest Spraggett, J. P.
City of Greenwood—Daniel J. Sullivan, alderman, and Duncan McIntosh, alderman.
City of Kamloops—James A. Gill, alderman, and John E. Mitchell, alderman.
City of Kaslo—David J. Young, alderman, and Neil F. Mackay, alderman.
City of Nanaimo—Albert Edward Plant, alderman, and John H. Cocking, alderman.
City of Phoenix—Daniel G. Munro, alderman, and W. R. Williams, J. P.
City of Revelstoke—Thomson E. Taylor, alderman, and Robert Gordon, J. P.

City of Sandon—Thomas Brown, alderman, and A. B. Dockstader, alderman.
City of Sloan—Donald D. Robertson, alderman, and George Nicholl, alderman.
City of Trail—J. H. A. Schofield, alderman, and R. M. Perdue, alderman.
City of Vernon—J. E. Matheson, alderman, and Frank McGowan, alderman.

The following has been established a new liquor license district: All the territory comprised within the boundaries of the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake mining divisions.

The following companies have been incorporated: McMahony Bros. & Company, Ltd., capital, \$10,000; Mission Dairy Farm, Ltd., capital, \$25,000.

Licenses have been granted to the following extra-provincial companies: Giant Mining Comp., Ltd., of England; capital, \$150,000; provincial head-quarters, Kamloops; and H. Macneil and W. S. Deacon, attorneys, Kamloops; capital, \$50,000; provincial head-quarters, Kamloops; S. C. Burton, attorney.

Courts of revision of the voters' list will be held as follows: For West Lillooet, at Lillooet on May 5th and for Comox on the same day at Comox.

Courts of revision of the assessment roll will be held for Columbia on the 15th of April, Kamloops, April 16th, and Phoenix, April 20th.

Arthur A. Sparks, of Victoria, has been appointed attorney for the Giant Powder Company, Consolidated, in place of R. C. Jennings.

James E. Orr, of Sloan, has assigned to John Bell. The creditors will meet on March 26th.

The Sandon Water Works & Light Company has given notice that it will apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in council for certain water privileges.
A meeting of the creditors of the Tribune Association of Nelson will be held at the court house, Nelson, on April 4th.

AM. Grahame has given notice that at the next meeting of the city council he will move that a permanent sidewalk be laid on that portion of the north side of View street, between Douglas and Broad streets, said sidewalk to be laid under the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law.

On Wednesday evening, next, commencing at 8:15 o'clock, the choir of St. John's church will present Toner's Lenten cantata "The Way of the Cross." The soloists will be Mrs. G. Hicks, Miss Fuchs, Leaven, and Messrs. A. T. Goward and Herbert Kent. A collection will be taken for the purpose of procuring new choir robes.

APPOPLEX—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is effective in apoplexy symptoms. If you have unpleasant dreams, lightness of head, risk of blood to the head, or sudden fainting, or a recurrence of this great remedy will remove the cause. The price of the land has daily a fall of sudden deaths which would not be checked if Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart were used. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—117.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Basketball and Signor Salvini the Attractions for To-Morrow Evening.

At the drill hall to-morrow evening, in connection with the Regimental hand promenade concert, the last game of basketball of the Senior League series will be played between the Fernwood and James Bay teams.

In addition to the above excellent attraction, Signor Salvini will contribute several vocal selections, and the Regimental band will render a choice musical programme, which is hereunder:

PART I.
March—"The Snow Man".....Borg
Basketball—Half-Time Play.....Borg
Vocal Solo—"You'll Remember Me".....Ballo
Signor Salvini
Basketball—Half-Time Play.....Borg
PART II.
Selection fr. "Cavalleria Rusticana".....Borg
Vocal Solo—"La Donna e Mobile".....Vendi
Signor Salvini
Char. Dance—"La Gazelle".....Bendis
Popular Selection—"Holly-Tolly".....Bendis
God Save the King.....Stronberg

Personal.

M. M. Baxter was among the passengers from Australia by the steamer Arangi, and is a guest at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Baxter's trip was for the purpose of arranging for a tour of a Canadian business team to Australia. He states that he is not able as yet to say definitely as to the success or otherwise of his efforts, but will know in a week or two.

Capt. D. McIntosh, agent of the Crofton townsite, and Henry H. Newell, editor of the Crofton Gazette, have been appointed to do special work for the bank there, and his place in Seattle will be taken by T. G. Holt, the present manager at Nelson.

D. A. Cameron, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Seattle, is in the city. Mr. Cameron will leave for Victoria shortly to do special work for the bank there, and his place in Seattle will be taken by T. G. Holt, the present manager at Nelson.

Capt. F. B. Turner, who invented the new steering apparatus which is now being largely used by Northern river steamers, was in the city on business yesterday. He is registered at the Victoria hotel.

E. B. Hussey, who is connected with the White Pass & Yukon railway, arrived from the coast this morning by the steamer Rosalie, and is a guest at the Grand hotel. David Carter, erstwhile of the Nation, but now editor of the Nelson Economist, came down last night and will be in the city for a few days.

Chas. A. Gregg, who has been editing the Roseland Miner, but who has severed his connection with that paper, came down to Victoria last night.

Mark Curney, who has been visiting his home in Hamilton, Ont., for several months, returned last evening.

E. C. Smith, assistant treasurer, who is ill with typhoid fever, was reported very low yesterday.

J. N. Jensen, a well known pioneer miner of the province, is registered at the Dawson hotel.

D. M. Carley, editor of the Nelson Economist, is staying at the New England hotel. H. R. Halstead, provincial constable, of Chemainus, is at the Victoria hotel.

J. T. Wilkinson, of Vancouver, was a passenger by the Charnier last night.

A. W. Vowell III leave for the interior on official business to-night.

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BOYS TWO-PIECE TWEED NORFOLK SUITS, and a few with pleated coats. PRICES FROM \$1.90
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NO CONGESTION OF FREIGHT ON RAILWAY

Name Board Picked Up Off Neah Bay
Alki Calls To-morrow Night
En Route North.

Although 130 passengers went north on the steamer Anur there was only one on the vessel which arrived from Skagway this morning, and but two when she reached Vancouver yesterday afternoon. As freight the steamer had none on her return, but on her northward trip carried a full load, including twenty-eight horses.

While she was in Lynn Canal the City of Seattle arrived with 320 passengers and another big load of freight. All went through, and no congestion of freight at any points along the White Pass & Yukon railway was reported. A great quantity of cargo taken into the interior is being shelled over the trails by private parties and individuals. A large accumulation, however, is again expected at White Horse for the first steamer going down to Dawson, the Anur had a very rough trip going north. A stiff gale of wind was blowing down Lynn canal, and when the steamer made her wharf at Skagway she had a thick coating of ice over her upper works.

The Anur brings news of a few cases of smuggling into Adlin, and the police parties were apprehended by the North-west Mounted Police. The cold weather prevailing in the north has been responsible for a number of deaths on the trails, and among those missing, and who is supposed to have perished on the Adlin trail, is a man named J. J. Schmidt.

NAME BOARD FOUND.

Were it not for the fact that the sailing steamer City of San Diego is anchored in Bamfield creek waiting for the supplies which were forwarded to her on the steamer Queen City, which sailed for the West Coast last night, there would certainly be a great deal of uneasiness felt for her safety. Advice from Neah Bay states that on the beach four miles south of Osoete a lot of wreckage has been found, including a board with the name City of San Diego on it. The discoveries made, the advice state, would seem to indicate that some small vessel had met with disaster. Thirty or more gallons of whiskey were also found on the beach.

ALKI WILL CALL.

Steamer Alki calls here to-morrow night en route to Alaska to pick up considerable cargo. Included in that which will receive at the outer wharf will be 20,000 feet of lumber, ten tons of machinery and a ton of general cargo. The most of the material is that to be used in the construction of the two new steamers for Capt. Smyth, which are to be put together at White Horse. The captain himself goes north on the Alki, and he will take with him some five or six mechanics.

MARINE NOTES.

Vancouver freight on Monday and Tuesday of this week was brought down from the Terminal City on the C. P. N. steamers. The barge Transfer was laid up for repairs on the days mentioned, but is now running again, and yesterday brought the freight cars across from Vancouver to Ladysmith.

The Dutch steamer Palmina is replacing the Austrian steamer Maria in the coal trade. She is now receiving her

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WOOD SAWING BY-LAW STANDS OVER AGAIN

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Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—W. Shaw, E. M. Bartlett, Capt. Gatter, Miss Werner, E. Fisher and wife, W. Happle, J. A. Campbell, L. Milow and wife, Fred Wright, L. A. C. Kitcher, J. W. Laid, Jas. Kitcher.

Per steamer Champlain from Vancouver—R. H. Harding, Miss Costello, Capt. Ashby and wife, Edith Lewis, J. E. Bird, J. P. Lipsett, Mark W. Cuzner, W. Sulder, J. Cox, J. B. Wilkinson, W. Bates, Miss Johnson, Jno. Martin, G. M. Turner, W. R. Jackson, J. Townsend, J. Jacques, Capt. Hobson Jones, W. McMillan, Alex. Thompson and son, W. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Grege, R. H. McMillan, Miss Cargill, B. D. McPhail, T. E. Armstrong, Frank Western, W. McLeod, G. A. Campbell, Jno. Coughlan, R. Jamieson, R. Tomlinson and daughter, Geo. London, D. M. Carley, J. Jeffrey, G. W. Brewster, Mrs. H. Patterson, T. R. Whiting, Geo. H. Cowan.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—S. L. Bernstein, M. Gutman, A. H. Baker, D. A. Cameron, H. Evanson and wife, J. Patterson, Miss Lowrey, H. Cohen, Sister of Charity (2), E. R. Hussey, A. McLean, Sam Jackson, Geo. Roberts, Jr., Miss Whitechurch.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—A. W. Kalgit, D. Leeming, Lenx & Leifer, F. R. Stewart, R. W. Clark, Geo. E. Munro & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., A. Sheret, Fletcher Bros., J. H. Todd & Sons, Earsman-Wilson Co.

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Burke Bros. were asking for the privilege of operating a gasoline engine on the streets. Laid on the table.

Skeene Lowe again addressed a lengthy communication to the board, complaining of the wood sawing machine nuisance.

Ald. Williams asked how long the council were going to be troubled with Mr. Lowe's "long windy letters." Other aldermen, however, thought Mr. Lowe ought to be commended rather than criticized. The communication was received and laid on the table.

William Dee complained of the bad condition of Alfred street, Victoria West. Referred to the city engineer for report.

F. J. Sehl drew attention to replacing a sidewalk on Quadra street, between Green and Pembroke streets.

J. Haasfruits asked for a sidewalk on Belmont avenue, Victoria West. Referred to the city engineer for report.

W. A. Ward notified the board that on all cement supplies they were prepared to deliver in future. Received and laid on the table.

S. Perry Mills, K.C., wrote complaining on the part of a number of clients, of the unsanitary condition of Belmont avenue. Referred to the city engineer for report.

James Bendroit asked for the extension of the sewer system up Quebec street, to permit of a connection with his residence. The writer said that there must be something radically wrong with the sewerage of the locality, when there was so much sickness to be found on the street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The city engineer recommended the building of a sidewalk on Menzies street. Adopted.

Sanitary Officer Wilson reported stating that the owner of the old building on Alfred street, which it was proposed to destroy, had consented to its removal.

Ald. Grahame moved that the sanitary officer be instructed to keep a diary of all the places he visited during the week for submission weekly to the council. The motion carried.

Ald. Worthington thought in the same connection that the poundkeeper should keep a record of all the fees he collected and report the same to the council, but it was explained that his duties already cover this work.

On motion of Ald. Cameron, seconded by Ald. Grahame, the city solicitor will communicate with the management of Victoria Terminal Railway Company respecting the condition in which one of the streets has been left by the company.

WOOD SAWING BY-LAW STANDS OVER AGAIN

The streets, sewers and bridges committee reported:

(1) That a bridge with a steel superstructure and a concrete substructure, be constructed at Point Ellice.

(2) That the width of the roadway of the bridge be 24 feet with a five-foot sidewalk on each side, the elevation of the bridge at the west end to be three feet six inches higher than that at the east end.

(3) That Mr. Theodore Cooper be employed to prepare working plans and specifications of the superstructure in accordance with the first proposal contained in his letter to the city engineer.

The report was received and laid on the table until Monday, by which time it is expected that the department of public works at Ottawa will be heard from on some important details.

A proposed revision of the wood sawing Regulation by-law, passed, but no discussion was arrived at, the matter being deferred until Monday, together with other subjects were also left in abeyance, and the council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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